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## RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA. 22202-3514

Sir:

## INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

The following amendments and remarks are being submitted herewith pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.111 in response to the Office Action of August 11, 2004. The period for response to which has been extended to February 11, 2005, by filing a Petition for a Three Month Extension of Time and paying the required fee. Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the specification begin on the attached page having the heading "Amendments to the Specification".

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on the attached page having the heading "Amendments to the Claims".

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